

B. A. Political Science
Level 7 (Sixth Semester)
Indian Polity : Issues and Concerns

Discipline Specific Elective

Course Code: POL7201T

Contact hours per week: 6
Examination Duration: 3 hours

Course Credits: 6

Maximum Marks: 100
Internal: 20 External: 80

Course Objective:

This paper attempts to introduce students to the idea of Democracy. Its attempt is to equip students with the major approaches to the study and to provide a detailed understanding of the idea. The paper is designed to focus and develop grasp of students on ideas like Elections, Parties and Party Systems, Interest groups and Pressure groups and various challenges to Indian Democracy.

Course Outcome:

At the end of the course the students should have acquired a good understanding of how the Indian Democracy has been working over the past years and what challenges it had to face. They should be able to identify key historical development and practices that have shaped Indian Democracy. They should also be able to comprehend the contemporary issues and challenges to Indian Democracy and be able to analyze them and find a solution.

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| Unit 1 | Democracy : The History of an Idea of Democracy – Indian Experience from Prajatantra to Democracy |
| Unit 2 | Issues : Caste, Religion, Corruption and Criminalisation of Politics Majority-minority Syndrome |
| Unit 3 | Electoral Reforms Judiciary: judicial review, judicial independence, judicial activism and judicial accountability |
| Unit 4 | Challenges and Responses to Indian Democracy: Inequality, Social and Economic Illiteracy Regionalism, Linguism and Separatism |
| Unit 5 | Data Protection and Privacy Security laws vs Democracy |
| Unit 1 | लोकतंत्र : लोकतंत्र के विचार का इतिहास – भारतीय अनुभव : प्रजातंत्र से लोकतंत्र तक |
| Unit 2 | मुद्दे : जाति, धर्म, भ्रष्टाचार, और राजनीतिक अपराधीकरण, बहुमत-अल्पमत लक्षण (सिंड्रोम) |
| Unit 3 | चुनाव सुधार : न्यायपालिका; न्यायिक पुनरावलोकन, न्यायिक स्वतंत्रता, न्यायिक सक्रियता और न्यायिक जवाबदेहिता |
| Unit 4 | भारतीय लोकतंत्र की चुनौतियां और प्रतिक्रियायें : असमानता, सामाजिक और आर्थिक निरक्षरता, क्षेत्रवाद, भाषावाद, पृथक्कतावाद |
| Unit 5 | डाटा संरक्षण और निजता सुरक्षा कानून बनाम लोकतंत्र |